

# Flower DIY Craft



## Materials:

- Construction paper (yellow, orange, white)
- **Paint cups**
- **Craft sticks**
- **Glue**
- **Scissors**
- **Tape**

1. First, fold the construction paper diagonally lining up the edges to create a square, cut off the excess strip. You should have a large triangle.

2. Fold the paper triangle in half lining up the points to form another smaller triangle. Find the center once again and fold the front side down to make a 3rd triangle. Flip over and repeat to form the 4th and last triangle carefully lining up the edges. Don't worry this sounds more complicated than it really is!

3. Cut the paper into a flower petal shape. Hold the center point and cut the rounded flower top.

4. Unfold the paper flower, then cut one petal out so you are left with 6 petals for your daffodil.

5. To make your daffodil 3D, glue the two petals with the open space between them together by stacking one on top of the other and lining up the edges. Let Dry.

6. Press the middle of the flower down onto a hard surface so the center has a flat back.

7. Cut a small triangle out of the paint cup and overlap and tape the open ends together on the outside of the cup to make a 3D center. Glue the paint cup to the center of the flower.

8. Glue the flower to a green paint stick for the stem and let dry.

# Mermaid/Merman Craft

Materials:

- **Construction Paper**
- **Drawing Pencils**
- **Scissors**
- **Glue Sticks**
- **Colored Pencils** or **Crayons**

The printable template includes 4 shapes – the mermaid hair, body, tail, and shell. Cut these shapes out so you have 4 pieces of paper. No need to cut exactly along the black line of the template just yet.

Choose the color paper for each shape that you want to use for your mermaid. Transfer each shape onto the construction paper by simply scribbling a thick, heavy shaded line using a soft drawing pencil on blank, back side of the printed template. Make sure to cover all the areas directly under the printed lines.

*TIP: You can check to see if you have complete coverage by holding the paper up to the light.*

Next, place the printed template scribbled side down onto the construction paper, and then use the pencil to follow the black printed lines pressing firmly so the shape transfers onto your construction paper.

Use the scissors to carefully cut out the construction paper shapes. We designed the template with extra thick lines to make this step easy for all ages & abilities. Flip the paper shapes over before gluing them together, so the pencil marks on the edges don't show. This way your completed mermaid looks fresh and clean.

*NOTE: An alternative is to tape the printed template on top of the piece of construction paper and then just cut along the black line, as long as you keep the paper secure with tape.*

## Paper Mermaid Assembly



Once all the construction paper shapes are transferred and cut out, use the glue stick to assemble your colorful paper mermaid. Refer to the images above for placement. First, glue the body on top of the hair shape. Next, layer the tail over the bottom part of the body, lining up the top of the tail shape with the bottom of the mermaid's body/arms. Lastly, glue the shells in place and allow to dry. Give your mermaid some expression by using colored pencils or crayons to create a face!



You can even add extra embellishments like glitter glue or adhesive gems for extra sparkle! You could also have the group draw scales on your mermaid tails. Create an underwater backdrop out of the extra construction paper for all your new friends to swim in as a fun dramatic play idea!

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